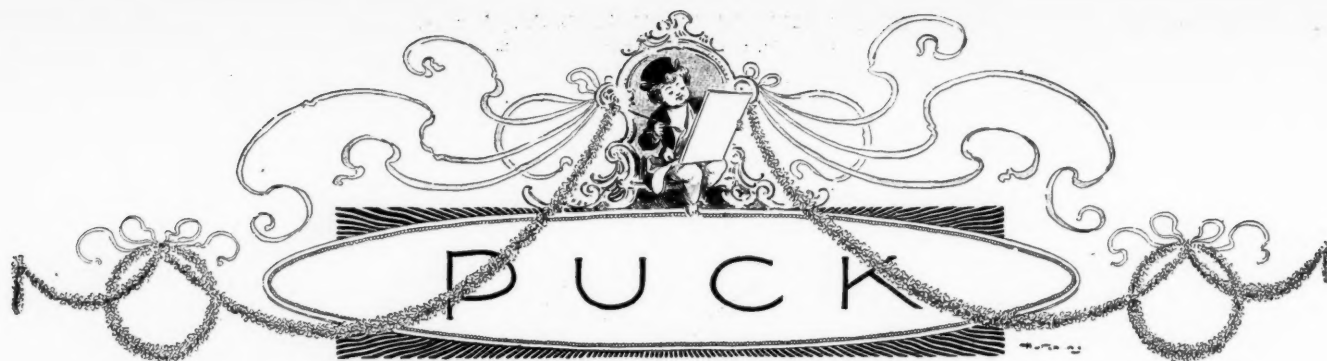


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LOST.



'VE LOST my heart," he fondly said
Unto the damosel;
"And I have done the very same"—
Her glances softly fell.

"Let 's hunt for them," suggested he;
"They 're in the self-same place;—
They 're one, I know,"—'t is thus Love's deuce
Is turned into an ace!

R. K. Munkittrick.

BENEATH HIS STATION.

SHE.—So the Count's relatives consider it a mésalliance?
HE.—Decidedly. The girl has only a quarter of a million,
and the Count owes three times as much as that.

IF THE zebra only had some stars on his epidermis he would
make a first-rate national bird.

THE MAN who is always talking against creeds has precious
little time left to practice any sort of religion.

WITH SIX hundred earthquakes a year the Japanese can not
well help being a wide-awake people.

SOON 'T WILL be Spring when blue birds sing,
And flowers begin to bud,
The trees to shoot, while underfoot
Fair Nature's name is Mud. R. L. M.



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A COMPLEX QUESTION.

SON.—And the Missionary was eaten by the Cannibal! Will
the Missionary go to heaven?
FATHER.—Oh, yes!
SON.—Will the Cannibal?
FATHER.—No.
SON.—He 'll not! Why, how can the Missionary go to
heaven if the Cannibal does n't, when the Missionary is inside of the
Cannibal?

HINT TO SPECULATORS.

The fellow who seeks for a "good soft snap,"
Too oft finds his feet are caught fast in a trap.

FOLLOWING AN ILLUSTRIOUS PRECEDENT.

FIRST TRAIN ROBBER.—They say
this new Congress is goin' to do some-
thin' to put down our business.
SECOND TRAIN ROBBER.—Then
we ought to send a delegation to
Washington right away. Surely
they would n't do anything with-
out givin' us a hearing!

A DOUBLED BURDEN.

"Henpeck more than shows his
years."
"Yes; he has to carry part
of his wife's. She still sticks to
thirty."

OUT OF POLITICS—Some Men's
Fortunes.

It takes nine tailors to make a man,
But the world has not yet learned
How many are in the construction
Of the tailor-made girl concerned



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AT THE PLAY.

JOSIAH.—Do you like it, Maria?
MARIA.—Indeed I do! But did ye ever see sich a milkmaid?
Land sakes! It 'ud take the price of four cows to pay for her clothes!



MORE DIFFICULT.

TOM.—Are you writing yet? Does it take four pages to tell her you will see her to-morrow night?
REGGY.—No; but it takes four pages to tell her I *can't*!

VERY DE TROP.

HARRY.—We met. 'T was in a crowd.
LUCY.—Much of a crowd?
HARRY.—Yes. Her mother was there.

ELOQUENCE is the art of making people believe something that is n't so.

A CONSPICUOUS DOOR plate is usually a sign of a rented house.

TRUTH WAS stranger than fiction to Ananias.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

As a joke it may be vapid,
But it's true as true can be—
New York wants her transit rapid,
And she wants it rapidly.

STRAINED RELATIONS.—Stories long drawn out.

A STEEPLE CHASE—The poor man's hunt for a church where he won't be clapped in the back seats.

AN ART CRITICISM.

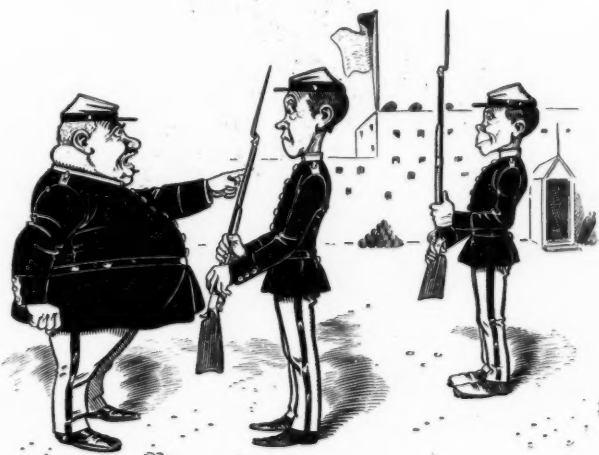
MR. JONES-BROWN.—I understand that the late Mr. Merchant-Prince bequeathed his entire collection of paintings and statuary to the trustees of the Art Museum.

MRS. JONES-BROWN.—Mercy! Are they obliged to accept them?

A SUIT FOR DAMAGES—Blue Overalls.

A SIDE SHOW ATTRACTION.—A Pretty Profile.

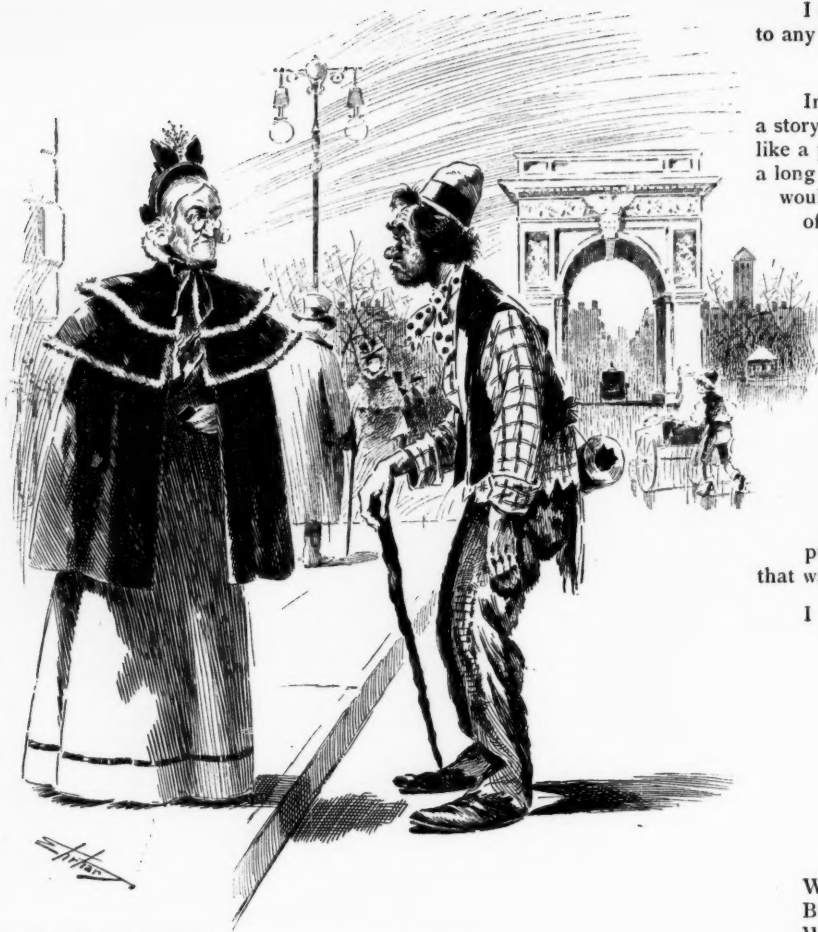
A TOO APT PUPIL.



SERGEANT (*angrily*).—Confound you! Can you never learn? Now watch private Murphy and do just what he does. Present—



Arms!



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IN CONJUNCTION.

OLD LADY.—You say you drink to drown your troubles. Now a worthless, care-for-nothing man like you can't possibly have any troubles.

PARCHED PETERS.—Can't he, eh? Well, if you knew how much trouble it was for us fellers ter git de drink you would n't say so.

CONCERNING "SHOPS WE PASS IN THE NIGHT."



IT HAS been suggested that I write a little, in my well-known manner, about a book that seems to have pleased more than one person, although modesty would prevent my giving exact statistics concerning its admirers. It struck me that there were so many thoroughly silly people in this little world of ours, that a thoroughly silly story would perhaps find its way to popularity.

I should here say something of the publishers; but for certain reasons I will refrain, at present, although I could say very nasty things about many on both sides of the Atlantic.

WHERE THE BOOK GOT ITS TITLE.

After I had written the book, I was puzzled about what to call it. In some ways "Adventures in Padlocked Homes" seemed striking; "Ben Thar" had an Eastern as well as Western flavor that was fetching; "Dada" had an infantile ingenuousness that attracted me; but these: "The Prints of Indiana," "Under the Lap Robe," "The Diabolical Triplets," and many other titles, were in turn discarded for "Shops That We Pass in the Night." It got its title from me.

HOW THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN.

The book was written in much the usual way. I wrote the first draft with a piece of chalk on a black-board; and then a few of my amanuenses copied it in India ink upon parchment paper. I was feeling real silly all the time I wrote it, and after the first six chapters were ended I became so insane that my relatives interfered, thinking that I was going too far and might be unable to return. That is why the latter part is not quite as silly as the first, although I had meant it to be of the same quality, throughout.

As you know, my heroine is called Burnate'en, and a witty English friend asked me why I did n't burn her in the mornin'.

I dedicated it "To all weak-minded people," as a delicate compliment to any possible readers.

THE STORY CAME MAINLY AS THE PEN MOVED.

In this it was like a good many others. It's hard work writing a story with a motionless pen, unless you can contrive to move the paper like a piece of wood under a jig-saw. I was too lazy to name the hero for a long time. That's why I called him "The Disagreeable Man;" but it would have been labor saved to have named him at first. I got so sick of writing "The Disagreeable Man" that I had half a mind to abbreviate with D—M; but I feared to shock some, and so I did n't.

THE MUCH-DISCUSSED ENDING.

I got kind of sick of Burnate'en at the end, and that's why I ran over her and killed her. It is n't likely she would have lived long, anyway; she was that weak, and her lungs were of poor quality, and the fog kept getting into them.

A WORD ABOUT THE PUBLISHERS.

I just want to say that I am still in search of a publisher for the book. It's still in manuscript, you know. If you thought it was already published, you're away off. The similarity of its title to that of another book deceived you. Oh, dear, no! I have n't published it yet. I'm waiting for the right publisher. I often wait that way. No; I don't get tired. I write for my art, not for gain.

I will conclude by quoting a little-known poem (by myself):

"Beyond the mystery of Life's gains
Its causeless barrier rolled aside,
Atwixt the overflow of pains
With mind and matter filled with pride—
We think, as man has thought before,
And hear the angels cry 'Encore.'"

Charles Battell Loomis.

SUI GENERIS.

WADE.—Caddington is different from any other man I ever met.
BUTCHER.—How so?

WADE.—We were walking up Broadway yesterday and passed at least four shoe-string peddlers, and he never once said, "I wonder how those poor devils make a living?"



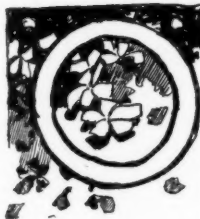
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JUST BEFORE THE DAWN.

JAGGERS. (weakly facetious)—Th—Think I was a burglar, m' dear?

MRS. JAGGERS.—No! A burglar would n't have taken half the time to get in!

THE PLACE CALLED "EASY STREET."



H! WHAT is the way to Easy Street — which turning shall I go?
For many a day I've sought the way that no one seems to know.
How do you turn? — do you keep straight on, and get there just by pluck,
Or is it the case that you find the place by chance and happy luck?
Some say this and some say that, for every one I meet,
Going it blind or searching to find, is looking for Easy Street.

*Easy Street! Easy Street! The street so hard to find!
No sign boards show the route to go save the ways that lie behind.
But Fortune's smile is worth the while, so never know defeat,
When the very next turn for you may earn the way to Easy Street.*

From little Queer Street through Hard Times Court to the Highway of Success,
Is the nearest way, I've heard some say, and it is true, I guess.
So through Poverty Place my way I trace (with Queer Street left behind),
But in Hard Times Court the way's cut short — it ends in an alley blind.
In the Lane of Chance I sometimes glance, but the risk seems all too great,
To turn and stray down its winding way and blindly follow fate.
So, with courage high, I strive and try, seeking with weary feet,
My way to grope, nerved still with hope, the way to Easy Street!

*Easy Street! Easy Street! Where happy mortals dwell,
Out of the strife of work-day life and the battles of buy and sell.
Wearing good clothes, having no foes, with life's good things replete,
Oh, happy fate! to dwell in state, at last, on Easy Street!*

We will all of us live on Easy Street when things have gone our way,
When fortune and fame shall attend our name and leisure comes to stay,
Through the deed achieved we've had in our minds the long last year or two;
Giving us zest to finish the rest of the things-we-are-going-to-do.
With the toil of these struggling days forgot, and our happiness all complete,
No trouble or care will bother us there when we live on Easy Street!

*Easy Street! Easy Street! Where the skies are always blue,
And all of the schemes of our well-loved dreams are ever coming true.
We'll live at our ease and do as we please and find that life is sweet
When through toil and pain at last we gain our way to Easy Street!*
Roy L. McCardell.

SECOND NATURE.

WADE.—Is n't it strange how habits once formed cling?

BUTCHER.—How so?

WADE.—Well, there's Reddink; he moved in from Lonesomehurst ten years ago, and has been living in the city ever since; yet the first thing he searches for in his paper is the "Situations Wanted: General Housework; No Objections to the Country."



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CARRIED OFF.

FRIEND.—What have you done with that terrible fierce dog you paid so much for? — The one that would tear any one to bits?
OWNER.—He was stolen.



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HE WAS TAKING NO CHANCES.

WEARY TRAVELER.—You are coming around a trifle early for your tip. Why don't you wait until the passengers get up in the morning?

PORTER.—We 's comin' to a lonely part ob de road, boss, an' robbers may tackle de train. I 's takin' no chances.

HIS WIFE'S INTEREST.

CLARK.—Is Muchwork's wife interested in his business?

CUTLER.—Yes; she 's always asking him why he does n't try something there 's more money in.

ITS ADVANTAGES.

DUSTY DONOVAN.—You 're de most reckless man I ever seed. If dat dog 'ud bit yer, yer might 'a' got hyderfobia!

SATURATED SAM (*ecstatically*).—Dat 's wot I want. When yer has dat, Dusty, nobody dast offer water ter yer, any shape er form!

GRAINS of wisdom on paper are usually pennyweights of folly in practice.

"POLICE PROTECTION"—Blue Cloth and Brass Buttons.



MANY of the men who are constantly coming up are the weeds of the garden of progress.

He sought to woo the Boston maid
With manner suave and nice, —
Though quite unused, he shivering said,
To fishing through the ice.

COLONEL SMITH'S PATH.

IT WAS bracing Winter, and the gray skies stretched away till lost in a glow of crimson. Many coppery leaflets still clung to the cold, gray twigs, and fluttered in the chilly breeze. But upon the ground the leaves lay like a heavy brown carpet, and the pleasure that most people feel in walking among them, and kicking them this way and that, while they weirdly rustle, was shared by the happy, engaged couple that meandered through the silent aisles of a lone, suburban wood.

"Are n't these leaves a nice, coppery gold — just the tone for a wedding ring?"

"Indeed they are!" he replied, echoing the happy sentiment with all his soul.

"How lovely!" she continued, "to live in so aristocratic a place as this, and still have these wild surroundings. Here we are within a few miles of the city, surrounded by palatial stone mansions, and right in the heart of society; and still we have these grand woods, which make one feel as if in the Adirondacks."

"I feel nearer Paradise," he murmured.

A tell-tale blush lighted her dimpled face till it seemed a soulful mingling of white and pink roses. She was so happy that her thoughts could not find utterance, and they walked on for quite a distance, kicking the leaves that glowed like a sunset sea against the lilac of the gathering twilight.

"I am afraid," she finally said, "that we may lose our way if it becomes much darker."

"Never fear," he replied, chivalrously; "I know every inch of the way. You know Col. Bulwick Smith?"

"Why, certainly," she broke in abruptly; "every one knows him around here, because he lives in a stone castle, has eight or ten horses, and keeps a dozen servants. Only the other day I was there at an afternoon tea, and next week Mrs. Smith is to give a grand german, and I understand the favors are to cost about ten dollars apiece."

"I know he enjoys the reputation of being very rich, and of being on visiting terms with a number of titled families in England. And they all live in great style and are the chief particular envy of all their neighbors. But as I was about to remark a moment ago, I know every inch of the way in this pretty wood, and we can not lose ourselves. All we have to do is to follow that beaten path of Colonel Bulwick Smith over there."

"Is that Col. Smith's path?"



WHERE THE FUN COMES IN.

HARRY DUNN (who has been cleaned out at poker for six consecutive nights). — I should n't think it would be much pleasure for you to play cards with me. There's no uncertainty about it for you.

CHARLEY DOEMUP (raking in the boodle). — Oh, yes, there is! I never know how much money you have with you.



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TWO BIRDS.

MRS. ISAACHEIMER (to visitor). — Yes; Schakey's, popper is so thoughtful ven he puyis him toys. He always gits somedings vot vill instruct as vell as amuse. Be gareful not to pust dose palloons, Schakey!

"It is," he replied; "and he goes over it every morning and night on his way to and from the railroad station."

"I suppose," she murmured softly, "that he goes in this long roundabout way for the exercise it affords, to offset the effects of his business cares and duties, does n't he?"

"No; that is not the reason, my dear."

"Then why in the world does he do it?"

"I will tell you, my precious angel; he does it to avoid his local creditors, who line the way on the main thoroughfare from his gate to the station, like a bristling human hedge."

R. K. Munkittrick.

ONE OF THE TWO.

MRS. CASEY (enthusiastically). — Sure, me darter has married the foine man. He makes iverybody shtand round whin he spakes. No one darst say a worrud to him! They lives on the fat of the land, too, for 't is the foine position he has!

MRS. MULLIGAN (eagerly). — Phut is he, a jhanitor or a polaceman?

SHINING MARKS.

CITY EDITOR. — In your account of the opening of the Folly Theatre you speak of its being "one of the most polished audiences ever gathered in this city." Society does n't go to burlesque shows.

REPORTER. — No; but the baldheads do.

THE AVERAGE dominie is a failure who can not practice better than he preaches.





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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

FOLLOW ME!

GERMANY is ruled to-day by a man walking in a dream. The German Emperor, by those who have observed him closely since he became an emperor, has been denounced as a madman, a headstrong boy, a bigot and a tyrant. But, although his conduct has certainly invited each and every one of these accusations, they are all unjust. He is simply an anachronism: a man of the middle ages, a reversion to a type elsewhere extinct; a man who in the last decade of the nineteenth century lives, moves and has his being in a dreamland that was a reality to his remote ancestors. It is always a hazardous task to attempt to forestall history, or to make criticism upon the character of a public man until it has gone through its final trial; but the young Emperor has sat upon the throne of Germany long enough to justify those who have watched his career in passing certain positive judgments upon the man and upon his ideas. And it seems to us that no one who has conscientiously kept track of his doings and sayings can doubt that the man is as honest as his ideas are fantastic.

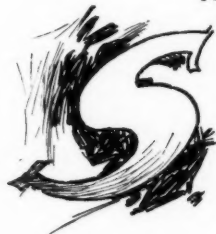
There can be no doubt that he believes in himself; and the size of Himself to Himself is something astounding and almost incredible in these days of cold, scientific realism. He has re-created for himself a world that to other men is lost in mists of historical romance. His fancy has evoked a pageant of the middle ages—of armored knights, of flashing swords and gleaming lances, of silken banners and sounding trumpets; of all that pomp and panoply that attended the monarch who went forth from his castle gates clad in the divine right of kings, to make war or peace on earth, as it pleased him. To us of democratic America to conceive of such a picture requires an effort of the imagination: to the rulers of modern Europe such a conception represents a tradition of very little vitality. Theoretically, no doubt, the first Emperor of united Germany believed himself divinely commissioned to reign. Practically he was quite content

to leave the working out of the will of Providence to his great Prime Minister. His son's brief reign, from beginning to end, was under the shadow of imminent death, and gave no indication of a definite policy; but there can be little doubt that the late Emperor assumed his duties in the true spirit of a constitutional monarch, and that he would rather have cultivated loyalty to the national idea than devotion to the personality of the sovereign. But in the mind of the present Emperor of Germany the whole German empire is buttoned up inside of his military coat.

Of course there is something comic about this attitude, view it as you will; and it is comic, and nothing else, to Americans who regard it with nothing more than a curious interest. It is amusing to read from time to time of the fulminations of this chipper and self-complacent young deity in spurs and helmet, as he swaggers before the battle-scarred veterans whose prowess established the Empire over which the accident of birth has called him to rule, and instructs them in their duty, not to the great nation which they have welded together out of a chaos of disrupted elements, but to *him*—to him, the pitiful stripling whose only title to respect is that he is the son of his father.

But to the people of the German nation the serious aspect of the situation must have an increasing importance with every year that increases the divergence of their path and that of their Emperor. For those two paths are separating day by day, and in the nature of things they can never meet. Since the year 1848 popular education has been steadily building up a new Germany. The spirit of modern culture has spread from the highest classes to the lowest. That great body of the proletariat which the German cartoonists figure as "Michael the Peasant" has grown most amazingly in knowledge and understanding. Originally this figure stood for a loutish clown, great in strength and endurance, ignorant, slow of apprehension, but wise with a certain mother-wit and native shrewdness. To-day the "German Michel" is a thinking man with a sound though rudimentary education. And the education that he has acquired is of the most materialistic and rationalistic sort. He has freed himself from the romantic traditions of feudalism, and he has learned to look upon the spread of science and civilization as the ultimate hope of the poor. With every step of his new education he draws further and further away from the course of the young idealist who is striving to re-establish a mediæval monarchy, and to build up a boundless military power, regardless alike of the needs and of the resources of the nation. "Follow Me!" cries the young Emperor, as he demands of his legislators more soldiers, more ships, more arms, more fortresses—but how long, how far will it follow him, this great, slow-moving creature that is day by day awakening to a knowledge of its power, and that has already set its face forward as resolutely as he has turned his toward the darkness of the past?

THE PERILS OF POPULISM.



SENATOR TRUSTMAN (*anxiously*).—My dear sir; really you look ill and worried! What is the matter?

SENATOR BEARDSLEY (*mournfully*).—To tell you the truth, my whiskers are slowly but surely sapping my vitality. If I don't shave them off I will go into a decline. If I do, my constituents will throw me over.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE PEOPLE'S VERDICT.

"I don't see how you can think Kilby is a disinterested patriot?"

"He bows to the will of the people."

"How?"

"He was defeated on the Prohibition ticket for Mayor, and now he has opened a saloon."

A COMPARISON.

The Czar and Mr. Howells are
Alike in certain spots;
It may at first seem singular,
But both of them hate plots.

CONFLICT OF CHURCH AND STATE.

"Mobley is opposed to an income tax as inquisitorial."

"I dare say. He gives it out that he contributes a tenth of all he makes to the Church."

"THE SURVIVAL of the fittest" may be a true doctrine, but there seems to have been a good many escapes.

"I'D LIKE to know if there was anything outside of her foot in which Trilby was interesting."

"Her stocking, presumably."



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A SAD INFIRMITY.

O'BRIEN.—Poor Doherty! He's so short-sighted he's bound to work himself to death.

O'GRADY.—Phwat has bein' short-sighted to do with it?

O'BRIEN.—Whoy, he can't see when the boss ain't lookin', an' has to keep shovellin' away all the time!



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"HIFALUTIN" HOHENZOLLERN.

KAISER WILLIAM.—Follow me, ladies and gentlemen;—My Way is the Way of Universal Happiness. I am the only man who knows it all!

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SURE SIGNS.



EPHRAIM 's sprucin' up. He 's be'n
A widower nigh a year.
He hain't never wore no such clo'es before,
And you might think 't was kind
o' queer,—
His featherin' out so. Gracious me!
You 'd have to be just as blind
As a two-days' kitten, not to see
What Ephraim 's got in mind.

He 's got a checkered necktie, pink
And white; and he pastes his hair,
What little he 's got, down over the spot
Where it 's gittin' toler'ble bare.

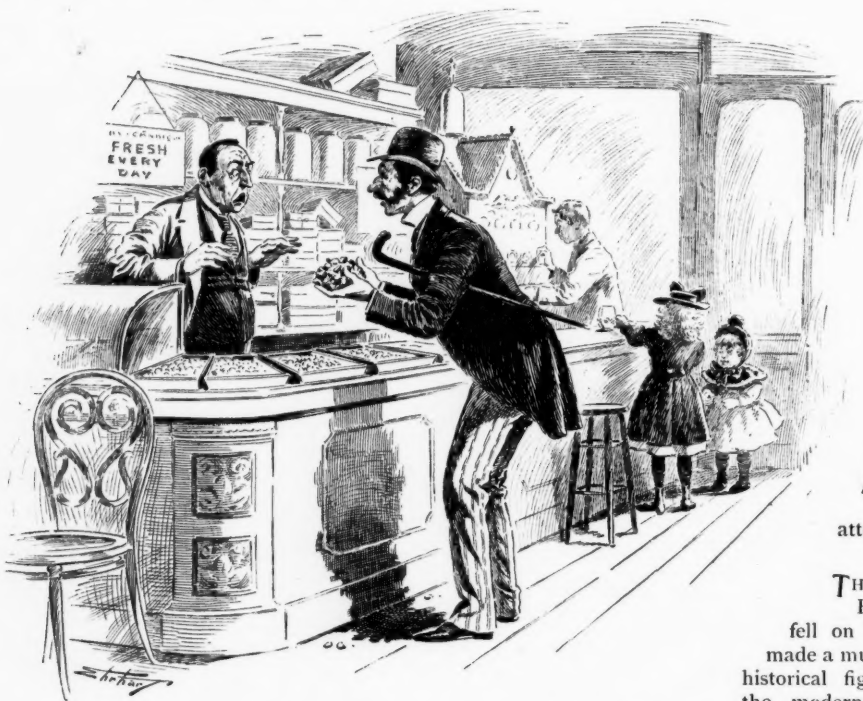
There 's a powerful strong perfumery smell
When he h'ists his han'kerch'f out,
And he 's bought kid gloves. 'T ain't hard to tell
What Ephraim 's thinkin' about.

When Henrietty was livin', he used
To let things slip and slide;
He was terrible slack, and close; hung back,
And did n't have no great pride.
He 's paintin' the house now, and tearin' down
The ole wing, and spendin' free,
And havin' bay-winders put in. Hull town
Knows what his intentions be.

He 's bought a new buggy he did n't need,
Without any sort o' excuse;
He goes round with a smirk, awful chipper and chirk;
He 's frisky 's a colt broke loose.
And we don't know whether it 's Mary Chase
Er the Widow Bedell, er who,—
But it 's jest as plain as the nose on your face
What Ephraim 's goin' to do.

Emma A. Oppen.

THERE is always room at the top — to jump off of, and fall.



TIT FOR TAT.

CUSTOMER (who has made a collection of some of the choice candies in the store).—Now, if you will wrap these up, I'll take them home, examine them, and let you hear from me.

CONFECTIONER (astounded).—Why, man alive! I can't stand that!

CUSTOMER.—Can't stand it! Why, your wife comes up to my dry-goods store about twice a week and does the same thing with my dry-goods.

AN EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY.

AGENT (doubtfully).—I don't know — two boys in the family —

WOULD-BE TENANT.—But they are so quiet! Why, they have some of the toys I gave them last Christmas!

"SLOW RISES worth by poverty oppressed;"—but, if it would rise early, and hustle, it might avoid poverty.



THE REGULAR MORNING MIGRATION.

TOWNE (on the way to the station, having spent the night in Lonelyville).—The ladies down here must be very fond of shopping; — look what a lot of 'em there are, waitin' for the train.

SUBRUBS.—Oh, no; those are only the servant girls that came out yesterday, going back to the city.

THE ELEVATION OF THE STAGE.

FRIEND.—I understand your leading man objects to the part of the villain.

MANAGER.—Yes; he says he will go back to the prize-ring before he will play any part except that of an honorable gentleman who uses his fists on the side of right.

WANTED TO BE IN IT.

CAPTAIN.—If you saw a patrolman coming out of a saloon on a Sunday, what would you do?

ROUNDSMAN (promptly).—Ask him how he got in.

AN EXCEPTIONAL AMATEUR.

MISS REMSEN.—Miss Starr seems to have had a peculiar experience as an amateur actress.

MISS PROSPECT.—In what respect?

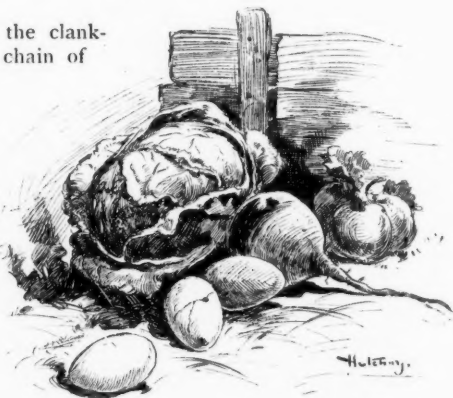
MISS REMSEN.—She says she has never had an offer to go on the professional stage

APPLAUSE is the clanking of the chain of attention.

THE ANTIQUE

Roman who fell on his sword made a much better historical figure than the modern militiaman who tripped with the same weapon twisted between his legs.

WE HAVE never met a pessimist to whom the bright side of a dollar seemed dark.



"OFTEN THROWN IN THE COMPANY OF ACTORS."

THERE is one thing to be said in favor of the American woman who marries a count — she is n't mercenary.

THE SAILOR may not be a poet; but he seems to agree with Tennyson in admiring "Bowery loveliness."



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"Been sick?"
 "Nearly died."
 "Long sickness?"
 "Six weeks."
 "You look bad?"
 "Can't get strong."
 "Yes you can."
 "How?"
 "Take "Best" Tonic."
 "What's that?"
 "Pabst Malt Extract."
 "Any good?"
 "Nothing like it."
 "How do you know?"
 "Tried it."
 "Do *me* good?"
 "Why, man, it's exactly, precisely, undeniably, indisputably, unquestionably, decidedly, conclusively, incontrovertably, what you want."
 "At druggists?"
 "Yes."

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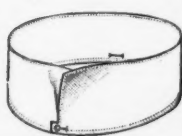
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Income

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Received for Premiums | \$36,123,163 82 |
| From all other sources | 11,897,706 12 |
| | \$48,020,869 94 |

Disbursements

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| To Policy-holders: | |
| For Claims by Death | \$11,929,794 94 |
| "Endowments, Dividends &c. | 9,159,462 14 |
| For all other accounts | 9,789,634 18 |
| | \$30,878,891 26 |

Assets

| | |
|--|------------------|
| United States Bonds and other Securities | \$83,970,690 67 |
| First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage | 71,339,415 92 |
| Loans on Stocks and Bonds | 11,366,100 00 |
| Real Estate | 21,691,733 39 |
| Cash in Banks and Trust Companies | 9,655,198 91 |
| Accrued Interest, Deferred Premiums &c. | 6,615,645 07 |
| | \$204,038,788 96 |

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|--|-----------------|
| Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities, Company's Standard, American 4 per cent. | 182,109,456 14 |
| Surplus | \$22,629,327 82 |

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|---|------------------|
| Insurance and Annuities assumed and renewed | \$750,290,677 97 |
| Insurance and Annuities in force December 31 1894 | 855,207,778 42 |

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Increase in Total Income | \$6,067,724 26 |
| Increase in Premium Income | 2,528,825 84 |
| Increase in Assets | 17,931,103 82 |
| Increase in Surplus | 4,576,718 91 |
| Increase of Insurance and Annuities in Force | 51,923,039 96 |

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct.
CHARLES A. PRELLER Auditor

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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| | |
|---|---------------|
| ASSETS | \$185,044,310 |
| Reserve Fund (4 per cent. Standard), and all other Liabilities | 147,564,507 |
| Surplus, 4 per cent. Standard | \$37,479,803 |
| Surplus, 3½ per cent. Standard, \$27,258,765. | |
| Outstanding Assurance | \$913,556,733 |
| In the above Statement of Outstanding Assurance, Instalment Policies issued during 1894, and previous thereto, have been reduced to their com- muted value. | |
| New Assurance Applied for | \$256,552,736 |
| Amount Declined | 39,436,748 |
| New Assurance written | \$217,115,988 |

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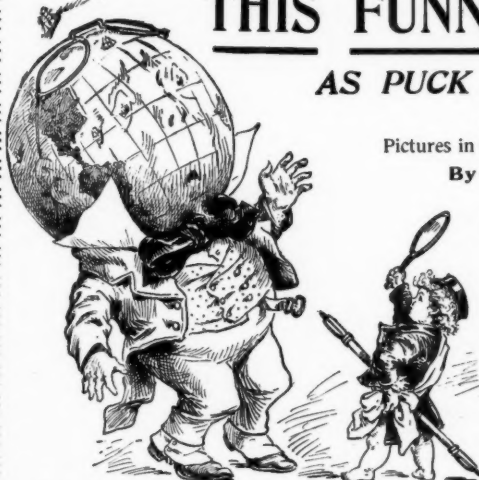
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This world thinks it's a solid world, a serious old planet, And thinks the universe stands round in wonderment to scan it — It thinks it is a solemn thing, a thing extremely solemn, And never dreams its polar hub is but a funny column — And that's the reason I am here to hold the glass up to it, And show it how ridiculous it's been and never knew it — And while I hold my mirror up, I'm willing to bet money, This funny, funny, funny world will know that it is funny.

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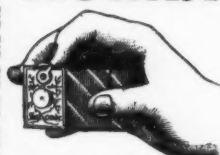
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A deadly family feud it was, tho' they had been friends at first,
But now they would only meet to scowl on their trips from Lonesomehurst.



So when, by a happy chance, the one secured a serving maid,
The other swore at his neighbor's luck, by bitter envy swayed,



And, seizing a chance that came his way, he offered her wages high,
With the very best room there was in the house if she with him would fly.



The maid was venal, the proffered wage was the price of her treachery,
And she fled with the tempter to Lonesomehurst, his handmaid for to be.



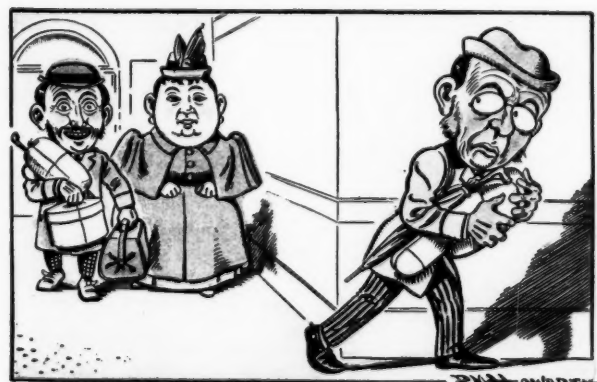
And loudly his household hailed the pair with signs of jocund joy,
Both for the girl at last they 'd got, and their enemy's annoy.



But when the other, with trembling tongue, had told his doleful tale,
How his women folks did upbraid him and loudly weep and wail!



Yet retribution swift and sure the plotter did betide,
For that night the maiden stole away,— and other things beside.



And now, when Subbubs brings a girl to the wilds of Lonesomehurst,
Commuter in silence shrinks away as from a thing accurst!